



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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**In the wake of police levy passage by voters....**

### **Parma Mayor Orders Immediate Civil Service Test to Begin Bringing Police Department Up To Strength**

**(Parma, OH)** – With the passage yesterday of a police operating levy, Parma Mayor Dean DePiero announced today that he has authorized a Civil Service test for the position of police officer in order to begin bringing the understaffed police department up to strength. Parma's police department presently has 86 uniformed officers; down from 106.

"Yesterday's passage of Issue 12 will now enable the City to hire additional police officers to keep Parma and its neighborhoods even safer," DePiero said. "I want to thank Parma residents who voted "Yes" for the levy and pledge to all residents that their tax dollars will be used prudently and wisely."

Applications to take the Civil Service exam for police officer will be available tomorrow, May 10 through May 25. Deadline for filing applications is May 29<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 PM.

Applications may be picked up at the Parma Civil Service Commission, 6617 Ridge Road (behind City Hall). As part of the city's outreach initiative to encourage minority applicants, forms will also be available at the Cleveland Branch NAACP, 2131 Stokes Blvd., in Cleveland.

The agility portion of the Civil Service exam will be held on Sunday, June 3. The written test will be conducted on Tuesday, June 5, at 6 PM, in the Valley Forge High School cafeteria.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old; have a high school diploma or GED; possess a valid Ohio driver's license and be a citizen of the United States.

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